

## EPA Marks First Anniversary of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21 Century Act with Record Set of Accomplishments

### *Agency meeting statutory responsibilities and deadlines*

EPA has moved thoughtfully and swiftly to implement recent amendments to the nation's chemical law enacted June 22, 2016. This new law received bipartisan support in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate and imposed new responsibilities on EPA with short statutory deadlines to carry out a list of actions.

"The Agency has taken the requirements and deadlines of the new law seriously," said S.P. "These final rules reflect input EPA received on proposed rules, as well as this Administration's commitment to provide regulatory certainty to American manufacturers and business.

In the past year, EPA successfully:

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- Selected the first ten chemicals to be evaluated, as the law required this even before EPA established new processes for prioritizing and evaluating chemicals.
- Released scoping documents on these ten chemicals with initial information on these chemicals and how EPA expects to consider uses and their potential impacts on human health and the environment.
- Released guidance for external parties that are interested in submitting risk evaluations to the EPA for consideration.
- Established the Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) to provide independent advice and expert consultation on scientific and technical aspects of risk assessments, methodologies, and pollution prevention measures or approaches.
- Proposed rules to restrict some uses of TCE and methylene chloride to protect people's

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- Issued inventory of mercury supply, use, and trade in the United States and a list of five mercury compounds prohibited from export after January 1, 2020.
- Reported to Congress on EPA's capacity to implement certain provisions in TSCA.

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